

ated an on-line business called the Narrow Gate Recovery Center and used Flowers' Bank of America credit card and checking account to make transactions via PayPal to Narrow Gate, Riley alleged.

Chester is accused of making 59 transfers between February 2010 and February 2011 to Narrow Gate which, according to its website, "provides faith-based spiritual healing and discipleship for the chemically addicted and others struggling with life issues."

When Flowers realized that the funds in her account were not increasing, she contacted the DeKalb County Police Department, Riley said.

"That's a big hit to anyone, but if you're 81 years old and you're retired... something like that could cast you into poverty," said James.

"Unfortunately, we see this all too often," James said. "It's often times someone that they trust, that they know. It's a family member, it's a caregiver, it's a trusted neighbor. We see stranger on stranger, but we see a lot of abuse by a caregiver."

James said seniors are targets for financial exploi-

we live in.

Elder exploitation will continue to rise as the senior population increases, James said.

"Not only do we have more people aging because of the baby boomers, but people are living longer," James said.

"Because of the increasing number of senior citizens, law enforcement and the business community are going to have to address ways to protect the finances of the elderly," James said. "People are preying on our seniors, but if you think it's bad right now, fast-forward 15 years and it's only going to get worse because there's only going to be more seniors that need care."

In another case, **Carla Thorton Ewing** and **Craig R. Matthies** are facing charges of exploitation of an elder person, identity fraud, and financial transaction card fraud.

Impersonating 71-year-old **Frances Matthies**, Ewing allegedly reported the victim's bank card as missing and ordered a replacement card, James said.

The victim reported the fraud to police and was able to identify Ewing by listening to a recording of the defendant reporting the

Law enforcement is only part of the solution, James said.

"When we prosecute them, yes, we get jail time, but the reality is you can't get blood out of a turnip," James said. "If someone

niors who are able should continue to check their finances, he said.

"Don't just blindly trust someone because they are a family member," James said.

James said other steps

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Dr. McGhee practiced optometry at Lenscrafters on Memorial Drive for almost 20 years. She welcomes previous patients. Appointments can be made at

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EPA Announces the Availability of the Administrative Record for the GAO 144 Zonolite Road Removal Site, Atlanta, Dekalb County, Georgia

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces that the Administrative Record for the GAO 144 Zonolite Road Removal Site located in Atlanta, Dekalb County, Georgia, is available for public review.

The Administrative Record file includes documents that form the basis for selection of the removal action. A removal action is a short-term cleanup intended to stabilize a site that poses an imminent and substantial threat to human health or the environment. Documents in the record may include, but are not limited to, preliminary assessment and inspection report, test results, and the Action Memorandum. All interested persons are encouraged to review the documents.

The documents will be available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

US EPA
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Debbie Jourdan

Doraville Public Library
3748 Central Avenue
Doraville, Georgia 30340
Attn: Tammy Henry

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